

Republic of Turkey Governorship of Mugla
Provincial Local Environmental Commission
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DECISION OF THE LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

The Local Environmental Commission headed by Governor Dr. Ahmet ALTIPARMAK convened on Friday, 03.07.2009,10:00 a.m. to discuss the items on the agenda.

AGENDA:

A-) Controlling Waste Generated from Sea Vessels

DECISION:

A -) For prohibiting marine pollution in our province, the following decisions - which are based on the recommendations listed in the report of the Sub Commission formed in accordance with the Article C of the Local Environmental Commission Decision No. 177 dated 24/06/2009- have been identified to apply to all national and foreign flagships within Mugla Province marine areas and inland waters.

1 - The cards will be designed by the Provincial Directorate of Environment and Forestry and will be printed in collaboration with the related public offices and the NGOs.

2 - The issuing and the delivery of the cards to the ships will be performed by the Port Authorities, Customs Guard Directorates, Environmental Protection Agency for Special Areas (EPASA) Directorate in special protection areas, waste acceptance facilities, marina offices, pump-out boats and by the mobile officer teams that will be formed.

3 - In case the said cards have not been procured by the operators of ships, the Port Authorities will refuse sea pass and not issue sea transit licenses to those ships.

4 - 3 digital card readers will be placed at the Coast Guard Commands, 1 digital card reader will be placed at the Provincial Environment and Forestry Directorate and 1 digital card reader will be placed at EPASA Directorate.

5 - Card issuance devices will be placed at the Port Authorities, Customs Guard Directorates, marinas, waste acceptance facilities, pump-out boats and books will be kept for waste acceptance at waste disposal facilities.

6- The waste generators are obliged to pay the waste transfer fee to the licensed waste acceptance units, and those who transfer waste are obliged to pay the disposal fee to the disposal units according to the Official Notice No. 26284 that entered into force on September 9, 2006 "Fees and Principles to be applied as part of the By-Law for Collecting and Controlling Waste from Ships".

7 - Waste water from hand washing basins and showers must necessarily be connected to waste water tanks and waste water should not be discharged directly into the sea. This feature should be checked by the Port Authorities as part of the surveys conducted for issuing Certificates of Seaworthiness and in case the requirement is not met, the Certificate will not be issued and/or a penalty will be imposed in accordance with the Environment Law No. 2872.

8 - For the boats with automatic float switch bilge discharge systems, the operators of the boats will be held responsible and be subject to penalty in case of any discharge of bilge water into the sea.

9 - Coloring tablets in accordance with the Environment and Health regulation will be placed in waste water tanks to avoid and identify any uncontrolled discharge of waste water by the ships during their open sea transits.

10 - Marinas, ports, fisherman shelters, boat stopover locations and municipalities should

be involved in the construction of waste transfer and disposal units and inadequacies should urgently be eliminated.

11- Article C of the Local Environmental Commission Decision No. 141 dated 25/05/2006 will be annulled.

The decisions above have been identified unanimously.

All individuals are obliged to obey the principles and procedures determined for protecting the environmental values and biodiversity of the Fethiye - Gocek Special Protection Region and prohibiting pollution.

All boats entering the Gocek Gulf and the Gocek-Dalaman Bays are obliged to submit their grey/black water and bilge water to the Common Waste Acceptance Facility located on the Gocek Gulf or to the Pump out Boat. Under no circumstances waste water can be discharged into the sea.

All boats entering the Gocek Gulf and the Gocek-Dalaman Bays are obliged to hold the Blue Card issued as part of the Blue Card Program initiated by the Mugla Provincial Environment and Forestry Directorate. The boats are obliged to present the Blue Card each time they submit waste and they are obliged to declare the Blue Card to the authorized officers during controls.